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### CLEVELAND

#### Nisei Establish Church Group

A Japanese American Christian Fellowship has established in Cleveland with Victor Fujii as pastor and with a weekly attendance averaging more than 100, according to the Cleveland News.

The group has two major aims, according to the report. They wish to worship together and they want to reach a better interracial understanding with other Christian youth groups.

Says Pastor Fujii:

"Now that we've come together from all parts of the west, we hope we'll be accepted for what we are--fellow Americans. Already we've made contact with other Christian youth groups and we plan to meet with them this fall."

#### CENTER JOBS MAY BE PUT UNDER PRIORITY SYSTEM

E. J. Utz, WRA assistant director in charge of operations, who is visiting here from Washington, indicated it may be

necessary to put center jobs on a priority basis in order that essential positions are always filled.

Addressing a group of center leaders yesterday, Utz stated that centers are facing increasing difficulties in carrying on essential activities. He said that it may be necessary to consider activities on a priority basis and that community leaders, in cooperation with the appointed staff concerned, could aid in creating sentiment regarding community service in doing certain jobs and see that priority positions are filled.

The optimum number of workers and also the minimum for the different activities might be set up. If some activity has more workers than the minimum, men from that work could be transferred to the more essential activities.

Utz believes that by this priority method the center would be made a more livable place for those who must remain here.

### ITALY

#### SERVICES HELD FOR 120 NISEI

A memorial ceremony for nearly 120 nisei soldiers killed during the 442nd's first 29 days of action was held Sunday, July 30, in a stubble field near Cecina, Italy, which they had seized from the Germans, according to a UP correspondent.

During the ceremony a 36-round salute was fired by an infantry squad led by Sergeant Mishimoto whose squad was among the first to reach southern Pisa and penetrate six miles behind the German lines on a patrol.

#### TULO HUNGER STRIKERS END ELEVEN DAY FAST

The "hunger strike," recently conducted by thirteen segregees at the Tulo Lake Segregation Center, came to an end on July 30, stated the Pacific Citizen.

WRA officials announced that the men had started the strike on July 19 with the declaration that they would not eat until they

were released from the camp's isolation stockade where they were interned following the disturbances last November.

They were sent to the camp hospital on July 30, after breaking their fast.

They will be returned to the isolation area, the WRA reported.

The thirteen strikers "definitely were not in a serious condition," it was reported.

The strike had been started with fourteen segregees, but one of them had quit the demonstration on July 25.

The decision to abandon the "hunger strike" reportedly came after the WRA declared July 29 that foodstuffs which were in the isolation area kitchen apparently had been hidden to be eaten later during the strike.

### MEMORIAL

#### Canal To Honor Dead Soldier

S/Sgt. Kazuo Otani, Canal's fourth soldier to die on the battlefield, will be honored at a Buddhist memorial service at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 12, at the high school auditorium in Canal.

The committee in charge of funeral arrangements has decided that attendance without costs will not be objectionable.

#### Central Block Manager Resigns

Michimasa Asami, temporary central block manager, submitted his resignation from the position at last week's meeting since he would like to take care of the juveniles.

Douglas Mitsuhashi, Sakae Morodomi, and Shiro Ishimaru were named for a committee to elect a new chairman.

Two new block manager replacements were also announced. Jitsutaro Tokuyama replaced Frank Yoshihara of block 52, and T. Miura took the place of Giichi Nakamura of block 39.